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Sir:

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO JUNE 16, 2003
OFFICE ACTION AND PETITION FOR TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

This Amendment is submitted in response to a June 16, 2003 Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the June 16, 2003 Office Action was originally due September 16, 2003. Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time. Applicants have previously established small entity status. The required fee for a two-month extension of time for a small entity is \$210.00 and a check in this amount is enclosed. With a two-month extension of time, a response to the June 16, 2003 Office Action was due November 16, 2003. However, since November 16, 2003 was a Sunday, a response on the next succeeding day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or Federal holiday, i.e. Monday, November 17, 2003, is considered timely under 37 C.F.R. §1.7. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows: